

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 remain present in this application. In the present Office action: claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claims 1-3, 5-7, and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,396,154 (hereinafter “Hikita”); claims 15-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,576,589 (hereinafter “Dreifus”); claims 26, 27 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,296,391 (hereinafter “Hazama”); claims 4, 8-14, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Hikita; claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dreifus in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,329,715 (hereinafter “Hayashi”); and claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Hazama. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 15, 21, and 26 and dependent claims 8, 19, and 25 for clarification.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-29, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are definite in view of Applicants’ specification. As is noted in Applicants’ specification, paragraphs [0027] through [0029], maintaining an isolation distance between differential input and output pins of a chip that corresponds to a characteristic of an associated external filter (e.g., a SAW filter) allows for formation of differential input and output pins of a receiver (e.g., a satellite receiver) on one side of a chip. In this case, differential input and output pins of another receiver (e.g., a terrestrial receiver) may also be, for example, provided on an opposite side of the chip (see Fig. 4).

With respect to the rejection of Applicants’ independent claims 1, 15, 21, and 26, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the applied references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest maintaining first and second terminal pairs of an integrated circuit package separated by a predetermined distance sufficient to maintain an input-to-output isolation therebetween of at least a predetermined amount that corresponds to an electrical characteristic of an external filter to which the integrated circuit package is configured to be coupled. Additionally, Applicants submit that claims 2-14, 16-20, 22-25, and 27-29 are also allowable for at least the reason that the claims depend upon allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are now allowable and therefore the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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